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Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



**EYES UP
PHONE DOWN**

Missouri hands-free law now in effect outside Fort Leonard Wood's gates

Safety and law enforcement experts agree – distracted driving is hazardous. And now, thanks to a new Missouri law, drivers on and off post will be violating laws, regulations or both, when using mobile phones or other electronic communication devices not considered “hands free.”



Fort Leonard Wood hosts combined college graduation event at Main Post Chapel

Graduates from on- and off-post colleges and universities received their diplomas Friday at the Main Post Chapel, as Fort Leonard Wood's Truman Army Education and Personnel Testing Center hosted its 38th Combined College Commencement Ceremony.



Veterans study Fort Leonard Wood's past to enrich their futures

Participants of the Veterans Curation Program got a chance to learn from Fort Leonard Wood's history subject matter experts Friday and got a behind-the-scenes look at some of the post's historic relics and most unique artifacts.



Fort Leonard Wood Air Force squadron hosts ground transportation summit, rodeo

Fort Leonard Wood's 368th Training Squadron hosted a two-day ground transportation summit and rodeo event last week – bringing together more than 200 GT Airmen from installations around the world to discuss the future of their career field and enjoy some friendly competition.

Read these stories and more at <https://www.army.mil/paowood>.



August is Antiterrorism Awareness Month: Good OPSEC can defeat adversaries

Antiterrorism Awareness Month is an opportunity to think about ways to strengthen our AT programs, including the use of Operations Security, or OPSEC — the systematic and proven process for denying adversaries access to information about our capabilities and intentions.



International military students hope to make new friends at Know Your World event

At the 21st Know Your World event, hosted by the International Military Student Office from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 25 in Nutter Field House, Fort Leonard Wood's international students will be sharing their cultural pride, music, informational displays and even food from their home countries.



'More weight to your words:' Soldier explains her reasonings for becoming warrant officer candidate

As she gets ready to attend the five-week Warrant Officer Candidate School at Fort Novosel, Alabama — and after that, the Warrant Officer Basic Course to become a 923A Petroleum Systems Technician — Warrant Officer Candidate Chakia Jackson said she looks forward to taking on a new role in the Army.

NEWS BRIEFS

GLWACH school, sports physicals

General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital is hosting school and sports physical appointments between 7:40 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Tuesday and Aug. 18 in the Family Practice Clinic for eligible beneficiaries ages 5 to 17. Call 866.299.4234 to make an appointment and click [here](#) to access the intake form.

Women's Equality Day event

A Women's Equality Day event is set to begin at 1 p.m. Aug. 25 in Baker Theater. Call 573.596.0602 for details.

Motorcycle safety event

A motorcycle safety ride and rally will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 25 in the Main Post Chapel parking lot. All Fort Leonard Wood motorcycle riders are invited to attend to learn more about safety awareness. Email Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Ornot at matthew.j.ornot.mil@army.mil for details.

College 101 workshop

The Truman Army Education and Personnel Testing Center, along with the

Child and Youth Services school liaison officer, will host a workshop from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 30 in Bldg. 499, with representatives from local colleges for individuals interested in learning more about area programs and scholarship opportunities. Call 573.596.0172 for details.

Garrison employee org day event

U.S. Army Garrison Fort Leonard Wood employees are invited to celebrate the 2022 Best Garrison Award win with a Garrison Employee Organizational Day, set to take place from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 31 at the Main Post Chapel and Rec Plex. Wrist bands for unlimited mini-golf and go-karts cost \$3, and barbecue is \$15. Each organization will have a designated employee to collect all payments.

Retiree Appreciation Days

Fort Leonard Wood is set to host its Retiree Appreciation Days celebration Sept. 8 and 9. Call Retirement Services Officer Camilah Jefferson at 573.596.6637 for details.

Teen ID post access policy

Fort Leonard Wood's Directorate of Emergency Services has policies on checking teenager Department of Defense ID cards at installation access points. If a child is with a parent or guardian, then no ID is required unless the child looks close in appearance to an adult or if the child is driving. Additionally, DOD ID card holders under the age of 18 are not authorized to sponsor non-DOD personnel on post. More information on installation access policies is available on the Fort Leonard Wood [website](#) or by calling the visitor center at 573.596.0590.

Sexual assault helplines

The Department of Defense sexual assault helpline is 877.995.5247. Fort Leonard Wood's 24/7 Sexual Assault Resource Center is available by calling 573.855.1327. Visit the [Safe Helpline website](#) for more options.

Suicide prevention helpline

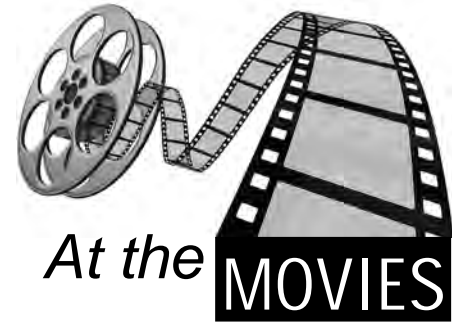
The national suicide prevention helpline is available by calling 9-8-8.

FMX team participates in OSHA safety week



Photo by Brian Hill, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office

Mason Sawyers, a Joint Assault Bridge, or JAB, equipment specialist with the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command's FMX here, explains some of the safety hazards inherent to that specific piece of equipment during an event today in and around Bldg. 12700, as part of the FMX team's participation in this year's Occupational Safety and Health Administration Safe + Sound Week. The annual event provides an opportunity to highlight workplace health and safety programs, and occurs nationwide each August. Fort Leonard Wood's FMX team provides field-level maintenance support for a fleet of more than 42,000 pieces of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command equipment used in instruction here. More information on OSHA's Safe + Sound Week can be found [here](#).



Abrams Theater is open for movies on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. This week-end's showings include:

"The Blackening"
Rated R
Showing at 6:30 p.m. Friday

"Mission: Impossible -
Dead Reckoning Part One"
Rated PG-13
Showing at 1 p.m. Saturday and
1 p.m. Sunday

Prices for regular showings are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children (ages 6 to 11). First-run showings are \$8.75 for adults and \$6.75 for children. 3D showings are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children. Children under 5 are free. Call 573.329.6176, or visit the [Exchange website](#) for details.



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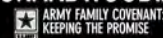
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BEAT THE HEAT

AUG 19
11AM-2PM
BRUCE C. CLARKE LIBRARY

SUMMER FEST

AUG 19, 7:30 - 9:30 PM
REC PLEX

**FREE school supplies for
DOD ID Cardholders at both events!**

*First come, first serve and while supplies last. Child must be present.

Hospital Construction Update

The new hospital construction is expected to be completed in early 2024, and should be open by early 2025.

Fort Leonard Wood's new 450,000-square-foot hospital is taking shape. According to Mark French, a Quality Assurance Section chief with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, major site work is complete. Utilities are connected and operational, and landscaping is progressing well. The majority of parking lots, streets and sidewalks are ready for use. The clinic, hospital and five-bay ambulance garage exterior finishes are wrapping up and interior finishes are underway.



Photos by Mark French, Quality Assurance Section chief, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

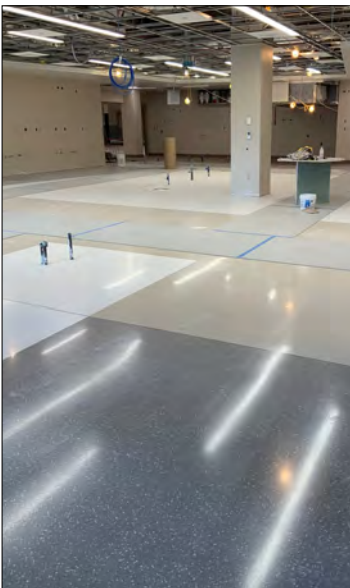
The main entrance to the hospital will be located off Headquarters Avenue.



A view of the emergency room entrance.



The 190,000-square-foot clinic is located off the main entrance.



The new hospital is located on 52 acres just to the northeast of the existing hospital, which was built in 1965. Once the new hospital is complete, the existing hospital will be scheduled for demolition.

Left: Terrazzo floors are being constructed in the dining facility and serving area.

Right: The staff garden will be located on the south end of the hospital and feature a decorative sidewalk, pavilion and landscaping, to include ornamental trees, shrubs and grasses.



SOLDIER SPOTLIGHT

FORT LEONARD WOOD



U.S. ARMY

With the military occupational specialty of 31B – Military Police – Sgt. 1st Class John Marquis currently serves as a drill sergeant with Company A, 795th Military Police Battalion. There, he is responsible for transforming America's sons and daughters into Soldiers. In June, he was named winner of the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Drill Sergeant of the Year Competition.

What is your hometown?

Klamath Falls, Oregon

When did you join the Army? And why do you continue to serve?

I joined July 17, 2012. I needed a purpose, so I joined the Army to find one, and it worked out very well. I found the motivation and direction to continue serving, and it has instilled discipline into me to progress and go to college. It's been very beneficial for my life.

What is your favorite thing about being a drill sergeant?

My favorite part is the training and watching the trainees grow, not only as Soldiers, but as people. Yes, there are times, where it can be frustrating and a struggle, but in the end, it all becomes worth it. Seeing their appreciation and watching them learn and grow gives you a great sense of pride knowing you helped them to achieve that.

What does it take to become a Drill Sergeant of the Year?

I've always been very competitive, and when volunteering to be a drill sergeant, I was already striving to be the standard of excellence. So, how do you be the excellence of excellence? The moment I



Sgt. 1st Class John Marquis, 2023 Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Drill Sergeant of the Year, Company A, 795th Military Police Battalion

showed up to my unit, I told them I wanted to be the Drill Sergeant of the Year. Whenever I go somewhere new, I always try to participate in whatever competitions are available. I was my battalion Drill Sergeant of the Quarter, then the MSCoE Drill Sergeant of the Quarter, and then from there, it was just waiting until the DSoY competition happened. There were some very, very good drill sergeants competing. It was very hard and very close.

What do you hope to accomplish during your time as Drill Sergeant of the Year?

I'm hoping to find ways to improve the drill sergeant program and get into those places where I can make suggestions. I also hope to provide insight or input, and hopefully be a mentor and resource for the other drill sergeants on the installation,

when it comes to training or regulation, or whatever they need help with.

What would you say to Soldiers considering becoming a drill sergeant?

I would tell them they need to do it. Seeing the impact you have on the trainees, and their appreciation, is something you just can't get anywhere else. I've been in multiple leader positions and nowhere comes close to the amount of appreciation you get when these trainees graduate. So, if you want to be the standard of what an NCO is, be a drill sergeant.



Click [here](#) to nominate a Fort Leonard Wood Soldier for recognition.